



Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events

Notices for 10/2/15

- ***U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Schools 2015 Announcement***
- ***Good News from Goodwin Newsletter***
- ***Weather Related Early Closings/Emergency Closings Letter and Schedule from Kelly M. Lyman, Superintendent***

- ***Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School
Reminder***
- ***Volunteers needed for the Mansfield
Community Playground Construction
Project October 10, 11, & 12, 2015***

Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School has been
recognized as an **Exemplary High Performing
Schools** National Blue Ribbon School for 2015



Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I write to let you know that Goodwin Elementary School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2015. The announcement was made today, September 29th at 11:00 a.m. by Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education. We are only one of four schools recognized in the state of Connecticut. Earlier in 2015, we were nominated by former Commissioner of Education, Stephen Pryor. A committee consisting of 18 Goodwin stakeholders including teachers, para-educators, secretaries, parents, and support staff spent many hundreds of hours over the course of a few months researching, composing, drafting and editing the 26 page application which ultimately led to our receiving this prestigious award. If you would like to see the video announcement, you can view it at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>. We will be formally recognized in Washington, DC on November 9 and 10th.

This is not just a celebration of Goodwin Elementary School but of all of the schools in Mansfield. Mansfield has continuously held education to be a priority and it is being recognized nationally. One of Mansfield's greatest strengths is its dedicated professional staff. We believe that each student's academic success and emotional health is a shared responsibility and we value a deeply reflective practice. Every member of our school communities is committed to a high quality education for each child. We know you have entrusted your children to us and the partnership between home and school is the key to creating life-long learners and caring world citizens. This collaborative and nurturing partnership is what allows us to know and care for the whole child.

At Goodwin, we continuously note how your children care and watch out for one another. They are kind, thoughtful, and inclusive. It is heartwarming and they are what make Goodwin so great! Your children are a constant cause for celebration! Congratulations to Dorothy C. Goodwin staff and the entire Mansfield community on this well earned award.

Warmly,
Susan

Upcoming Events For October

- Please check our school website calendar for events, teacher emails, PTO email
- Please remember to sign up for Q-Notify <http://mansfieldct.org/qnotify> for parent notices, electronic backpack and for priority and emergency information.
- Please remember to call or email the school office if your child is to be absent/tardy
- Please email office before 1:00 for parent pick up requests
- Office Email: gnooffice@mansfieldct.org
- 10/7-Walk To School Day
- 10/9-Fire Prevention Day
- 10/19-School Picture Retakes
- 10/22-Goodwin's Town Meeting

Children who have cold/flu symptoms need to be fever free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, before returning to school.

Children who have stomach flu/diarrhea/vomiting symptoms need to be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.



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September 25, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the fall weather approaches we are reminded that New England experiences all kinds of weather situations, some of which require that we alter our school or bus schedules. These decisions are made after consultation with our town Public Works staff and others. When making decisions to alter our schedule, consideration must be given to road conditions or other factors (such as weather related damage and power outages) throughout the community. There will be times when we will have to delay the opening of school, cancel classes, or dismiss students early. We understand that these decisions can cause inconvenience and create a challenge for families. Each decision is made for the safety of children. You are also encouraged to make your own assessment of weather and other conditions and keep your child home if you feel it might be too dangerous.

Decisions to alter the schedule are often made before 5:30 a.m. but changing weather conditions can cause us to make a call at any time. We use an automated calling system to alert you of these decisions. A recorded phone message can be sent to your home and cell phones along with an e-mail message. In addition, we can send a SMS text message to the cell phone contact on record in the school office for each child. In order to receive the SMS text message, you need to "opt-in". The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply send a text to **68453** from your cell phone(s) with the word "yes". If you do not opt-in, you will not receive the SMS text message. **We highly encourage you to complete this process.**

When the school start time is delayed it will be delayed by 90 minutes. Arrive at bus stops 90 minutes later than your regular time and please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions as buses may be delayed due to poor conditions. Early closings will result in schools closing 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than the regular dismissal time. Please be sure that you have made arrangements for your child if you are not home during the day. A schedule of delayed opening and early closing times has been included on the next page.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Lyman

-Over, please-

EARLY-CLOSING DAYS / EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

HOURS—REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

Grades K-4	School starts - 8:55 AM; School ends - 3:30 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	Session starts - 8:55 AM; Session ends - 11:45 AM
Afternoon Preschool	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts - 8:05 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

90-MINUTE DELAYED OPENING*

Grades K-4	School starts - 10:30 AM; School ends - 3:30 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	CANCELLED
Afternoon Preschool	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts - 9:35 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

SCHEDULED EARLY-CLOSING DAYS (November 23, 24, 25, and June 17)

Grades K-4	School starts - 8:55 AM; School ends - 12:45 PM
Morning & Afternoon Preschool	CANCELLED
Half-Day Kindergarten	School day extended, dismisses - 12:45 PM <i>Note: Lunch will be provided</i>
Grades 5-8	School starts - 8:05 AM; School ends - 12:05 PM

DELAYED OPENING ON A SCHEDULED EARLY-CLOSING DAY

Early closing is CANCELLED and normal closing time observed

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EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Grades K-4	School dismisses - 12:45 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	School day extended, dismisses - 12:45 PM <i>Note: Lunch will be provided</i>
Afternoon Preschool	CANCELLED
Grades 5-8	School dismisses - 12:05 PM

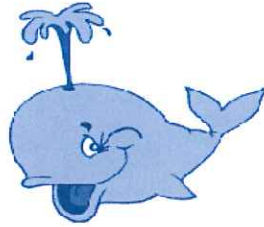
For information regarding school closing due to inclement weather or other emergencies, tune in to one of the following radio or television stations:

Radio: WILI 1400 AM & 98.3 FM, WTIC 1080 AM, WTIC FM 96.5, WRCH FM 100.5, WZMX FM 93.7
Television: WFSB (3), WVIT (30), WTIC (6), WTNH (8)

School Messenger recorded phone messages will announce school closings or other emergencies.
Information is also available via a message on your school's main phone number.

**Stay tuned. If weather conditions deteriorate, a delay could become a full-day cancellation.*

Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School Reminder



There are many events and activities that happen during the school day: Town Meetings, Field Trips, Field Day, etc.

As a reminder, if you are attending an event and are planning to take your child home directly after the event:

Please email the office at gnoffice@mansfieldct.org before 12:00 so that the school office can notify the teacher and inform them of the change in dismissal.

This will help reduce the confusion between students and teachers during last minute parent pick up requests.

Also, **each school** year parents are required to update their child's pick up or drop off locations. Forms do not transfer from year to year. If you will continue having your child use our parent pick up system, have a child attending day care or have a change of address, please check with the office for the correct forms to fill out at the beginning of each year.

**office/forms*



MANSFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND



**Construction to take place Columbus Day weekend –
October 10, 11, & 12, 2015**

**We're Building a Playground,
and
Building Our Community!**

Lend a hand – we need you!

We will need members of our community of all ages and levels of experience to make this project a reality.

To lend a hand please complete **volunteer form**.

Form may be accessed by following link found at

<http://www.mansfieldcommunityplayground.org/lendahand.html>

We need a lot of construction workers. If you can swing a hammer, dig a hole, or lend your muscle, we want YOU! It is not necessary to have previous experience doing construction work—there are many tasks for people of all abilities.

We will need people to help organize and distribute tools and materials during the build. We will also need people who can support the construction workers with maintaining the food and refreshment tent, or by providing childcare for parents helping with the build.

If you have questions please contact Maggie Ferron at (860) 429-3338 or ferronmb@mansfieldct.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at the build!

Ellen Tulman